

House Resolution No. 759

Whereas, Roseann Bentley of Springfield, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, Roseann Bentley was elected to the Missouri Senate in 1994, where she served on several committees, including Education (Chair); Local Government and Economic Development (Vice Chair); Aging, Families, and Mental Health; Appropriations; Gubernatorial Appointments; and Public Health and Welfare; and

Whereas, throughout her illustrious career in the Missouri State Senate, Roseann Bentley continually made the needs and concerns of her constituency her top priority and greatly enjoyed serving them in the hallowed halls of the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, born in Springfield on April 22, 1936, Roseann Bentley attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, from which she received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the 2001 Child Advocate of the Year award, Roseann Bentley has compiled an enviable list of service to the Springfield community through her affiliation with such important organizations as the Tourism Commission, Early Childhood Commission, Children's Services Commission, Missouri Cultural Arts Trust Fund Board, Literacy Investment for Tomorrow, Parents as Teachers National Board, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the Missouri State Board of Education, and the United Way; and

Whereas, the wife of Dr. John D. Bentley and the mother of four wonderful children, Roseann Bentley is a remarkable individual and dedicated public servant whose commitment to the City of Springfield and to the State of Missouri has earned her the praise and respect of all who know her:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Roseann Bentley upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Senator Roseann Bentley.

Offered by _____

Representative Marilyn Ruestman

District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 759, adopted March 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker